GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:770
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DEMILITARISATION OF SIACHEN GLACIER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the per day estimated expenditure incurred on development of troops in Siachen;

(b) the number of soldiers died in Siachen during each of the last three years, till date;

(c) whether talks have been held between India and Pakistan for demilitarisation of Siachen Glacier;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken in the light thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): It would not be in the interest of national security to give details.

(c) to (e): Talks between India and Pakistan to discuss Siachen issue under the Composite Dialogue Framework were held in Islamabad in May, 2005. The two sides held frank and constructive discussions with a view to taking the process forward. They expressed satisfaction at the ceasefire in place since November, 2003 and agreed to its continuation. It was agreed by the two sides to continue discussions to resolve the Siachen issue in a peaceful manner.